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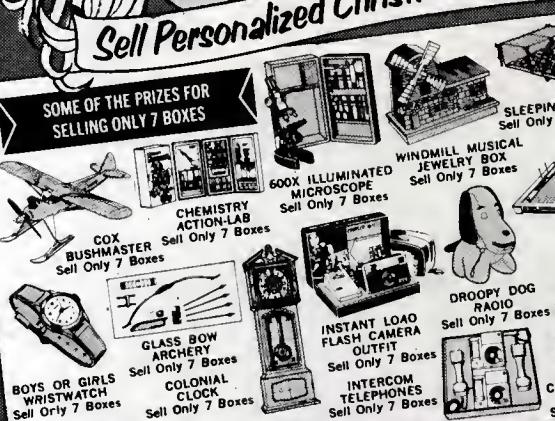


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OF JUSTICE, STRIKING
SWIFTLY, STUNNINGLY,
FINALLY...

WITH SPITTING AUTOMATICS AND
A LAUGH THAT CHILLS THE
MARROW, HE LEADS A BAND OF
LOYAL AGENTS AGAINST THE
NATION'S WRONGDOERS....

FOLLOW HIM NOW, AS HE
BATTLES THE CLOCK IN A DES-
PERATE RACE TO SOLVE...

THE DOOM PUZZLE!

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HERE, ON THE
BROOKLYN WATER-
FRONT THIS DANK
NIGHT, THE AIR IS
COLD AS THE
FINGERS OF THE
DEAD...



...IN THE DISTANCE,
A FOGHORN
MOANS--OR IS IT
THE CRY OF SOME-
THING LOST,
SOMETHING
DAMNED?



...OTHERWISE, ALL
IS DARK,EXCEPT
FOR A SINGLE,
LIGHTED WINDOW
IN AN ANCIENT
WAREHOUSE...



...FROM BEHIND THE
YELLOW-GLOWING
GLASS THERE IS THE
DRONE OF HARSH
VOICES, HEARD BY
A SOLITARY
CLOAKED
LISTENER...



**SO GIMME THE
DOUGH, OR YOU
AIN'T EVEN GONNA
SEE THE
INFO!**



...AN' DELIVER--

HUH--? WHAT'S THAT?

I OUGHTA
GIVE YOU AN EYEFUL
OF LEAD, SLOB! BUT
TAKE YOUR STINKIN'
MONEY...



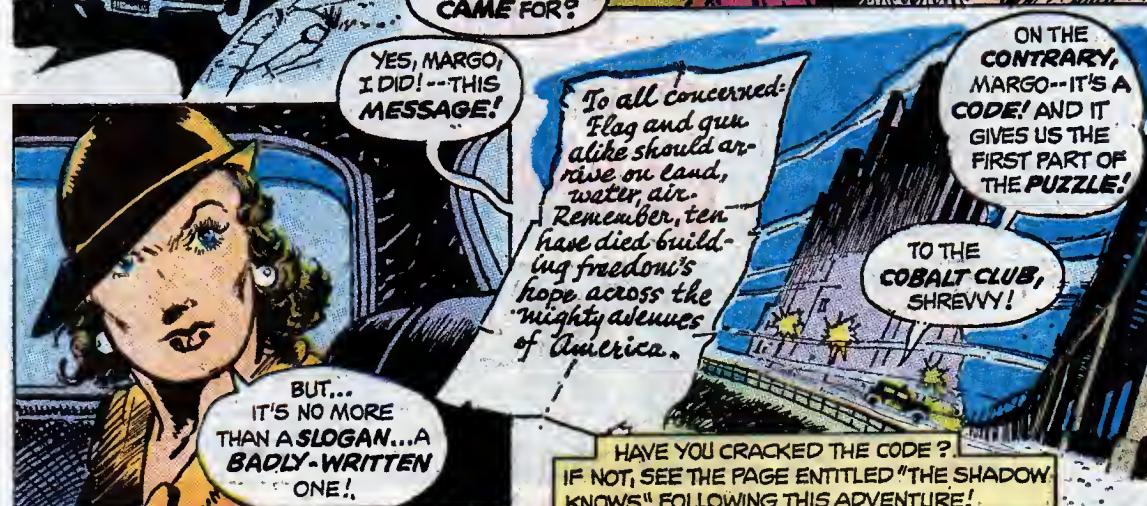
**THAT LAUGH--!
IT'S LIKE...
ICE!**







OUTSIDE, HE EMERGES
FROM THE FOG AND GLIDES
INTO A WAITING
TAXI...



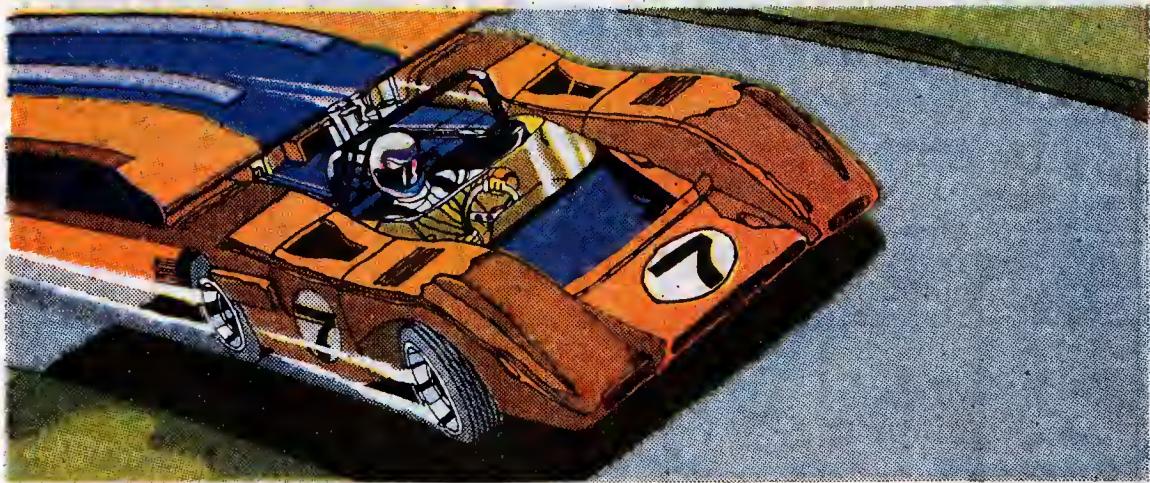
AN HOUR LATER, IN A SWANK, MID-MANHATTAN SIDE
STREET, THE BEAUTIFUL MARGO LANE STEPS FROM
THE CAB, ACCOMPANIED BY A SUAVE GENTLEMAN
KNOWN AS LAMONT CRANSTON!



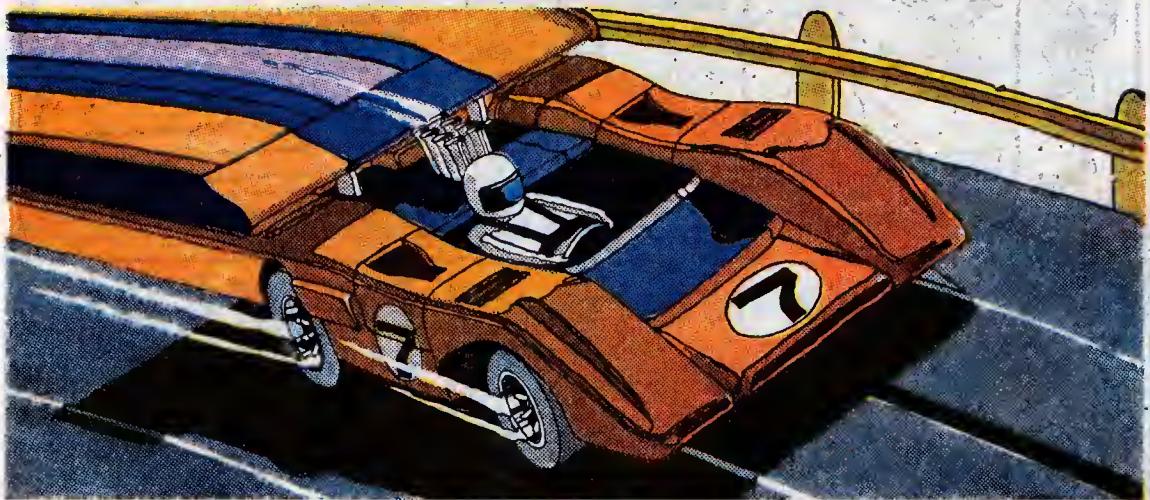
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CONTACT HARRY
VINCENT! HAVE
HIM GO TO THE
CORNER OF
WATER AND
TENTH
STREETS!

HE IS TO SURVEY THE
AREA AND REPORT TO ME
AT MIDNIGHT!

AS CRANSTON IDLY DRIFTS TOWARD HIS TABLE, A CHANCE REMARK FROM A DINING CLUB-MEMBER CAUSES HIM TO SUPPRESS A SMILE...

...PROBABLY SOME KIND
OF CROOKS CONVENTION--
THE POLICE HAVE SPOTTED A
DOZEN OUT-OF-TOWN
HOODS IN THE CITY...

MEANWHILE, IN THE UPPER EAST-SIDE
APARTMENT BUILDING OWNED BY
ONE HARRY VINCENT...

HARRY, PUT
AWAY THE NASTY PHONE
AND COME TO ITSY ME...

SORRY, ANGEL--
THAT CALL WAS
BUSINESS--
IMPORTANT
TYPE! GOTTA
RUN--

--WHILE I'M GONE,
MAKE YOURSELF AT
HOME... BUT NOT TOO
MUCH AT
HOME!

HARRY...
YOU'RE
WICKED!

SOON...

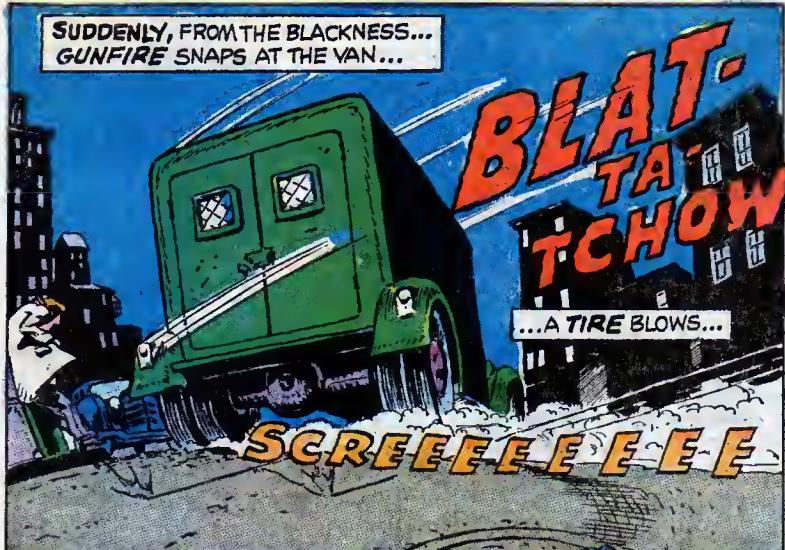
THIS IS THE
CORNER THE BOSS
SAID I SHOULD KEEP
AN EYE ON...

WONDER
WHY?

IT'S QUIET
AS A SAILOR IN
A NUNNERY...

UM! A POLICE
VAN... FULL OF
BADDIES BOUND
FOR THE
CITY JAIL,
PROBABLY!

SUDDENLY, FROM THE BLACKNESS...
GUNFIRE SNAPS AT THE VAN...

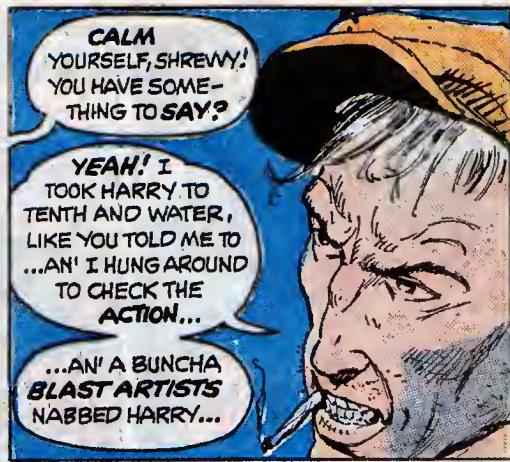


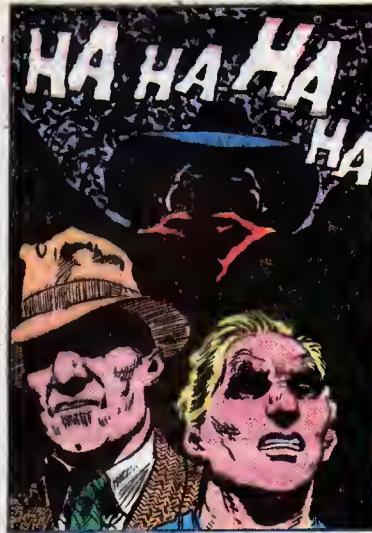
THE VAN VEERS INTO A PARKED CAR AS MASKED MEN ARMED WITH THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS ERUPT FROM THEIR HIDING PLACES...



JAILBREAK! THE BIRDS WITH THE CHATTER GUNS ARE BLASTING THE GUARDS... GONNA FREE THE PRISONERS--







The day Bill told off his boss

GET IN HERE, BILL!
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!

YOU PUNCHED IN SEVEN
MINUTES LATE. I'M DOCKING
YOU AN HOUR'S PAY, AND
IT BETTER NOT HAPPEN
AGAIN... OR ELSE!

OH, YEAH? I'VE GOT NEWS
FOR YOU, MR. BEMIS.
I'VE GOT A NEW JOB
OFFER WITH A REAL
FUTURE... AT TWICE
THE MONEY!

HAH! ANYBODY'D
BE CRAZY
TO PAY YOU
THAT MUCH!

THAT'S WHAT
YOU THINK!
I'VE BEEN
LEARNING
ELECTRONICS
IN MY SPARE
TIME AT HOME
FROM **CIE**...
AND NOW I CAN
TAKE MY PICK
OF GOOD JOBS!

YOU GOTTA BE
KIDDING! YOU?
IN ELECTRONICS!

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THOUGHTS!

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KIND OF SHIP FROM NAVY
HEADQUARTERS...

...TONIGHT, RELEASE
PRISONERS...

AND THE NAME OF
YOUR LEADER?

DON'T KNOW...
INSTRUCTIONS AND
PAYMENT BY MAIL...IN
CODE...ANOTHER JOB
TOMORROW NIGHT...

...AT ELEVEN...

NOW SLEEP!
YOU WILL AWAKEN
BEHIND BARS!

YOU DIDN'T GET MUCH
INFORMATION FROM
HIM, DID YOU?

BUT
I DID,
MARGO!

I GOT TWO ADDITIONAL
PIECES OF OUR PUZZLE! IT
ALMOST MAKES SENSE!

PERHAPS I CAN
SUPPLY A THIRD
PIECE! I'VE LEARNED A
SEA CAPTAIN WAS AMONG
THE PRISONERS WHO ES-
CAPED FROM THE VAN!

AN ARMY OF CRIMINALS...STOLEN SHIP
PLANS...AND A SEAMAN! YES--THE PATTERN
BEGINS TO REVEAL ITSELF!

BURBANK--
CALL SHREVY.
I HAVE
INSTRUCTIONS
FOR HIM!

EARLY THE NEXT AFTERNOON, LAMONT CRANSTON VISITS WALL STREET...



...AND GREETED FINANCIER OSGOOD BAMBER--

LAMONT,
LADDIE!..WORRIED
ABOUT YOUR
INVESTMENTS?

NOT A BIT,
OSGOOD! THEY'RE
SAFE IN YOUR CARE!
NO, I HAPPENED TO
BE IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD...

--AND FRANKLY,
I HOPED YOU'D LET
ME IN ON THE SECRET!
I'VE HEARD RUMORS
OF BIG EXCITE-
MENT ON THE
STREET!

THE WORD
DOES GET OUT,
DOESN'T IT? WELL,
LAD...DON'T GET
ALARMED!

TRUTH IS, WE'RE
SHIPPING A LOT
OF WORN-OUT
CURRENCY TO
WASHINGTON SOON!

--MONEY THAT'S
TOO USED TO BE
GOOD!

I'M
SUPERVISING THE
TRANSFER MYSELF..!

QUITE A
TEMPTATION...
FOR A THIEF!
AREN'T YOU
WORRIED?

NOT AT ALL!

THE SHIPMENT WILL BE
IN ARMORED CARS
GUARDED BY A CONVOY
OF SOLDIERS...

--AND BESIDES,
NO ONE EXCEPT
THE BOYS IN
WASHINGTON AND
I KNOW THE ROUTE
THE SHIPMENT
WILL TAKE!

NO, LAD, THAT
CASH IS SAFE AS
HOUSES!

THANKS
FOR THE CHAT,
OSGOOD!
SEE YOU!

THE FINAL
PIECES OF THE
PUZZLE ARE IN
PLACE,
SHREVY!

--NIGHTFALL...IT IS AS
THOUGH A GIANT HAND
SNATCHED AWAY THE LIGHT
THIS COOL SPRING EVENING,
SO ABRUPT IS THE DARKNESS!
BUT THERE IS MOVEMENT...
ACTIVITY...

...IN LOWER MANHATTAN, A
COMPANY OF TROOPERS
LOAD A MILLION DOLLARS
WORTH OF SHABBY BILLS IN-
TO ARMORED VEHICLES UNDER
THE WATCHFUL GAZE OF
OSGOOD BAMBER....

...THROUGH THE STREETS
THEY RUMBLE, BOUND FOR
THE TREASURY BUILDING
IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL...

...AND THERE IS ALSO EVIL
ABROAD THIS EVENING...

THEM
ARMY GLYS
OUGHTTA BE
ALONG IN A COUPLA
MINUTES! BETTER
GET READY!

YOU GET THE
DYNAMITE CHARGES
PLANTED?

YEP! THE SECOND
THE CONVOY GETS TO
THE CENTER OF THE
BRIDGE--

--I PUSH THE PLUNGER AN'---
WHAM-O-- THE WHOLE BUNCH
GOES INTO THE RIVER!

I HOPE THEM
SOLDIER-BOYS
BRUNG THEIR
WATER WINGS!

HEY...
LOOKA
THERE!

WHAT
IS
IT--

NAW...
IT'S WHAT
YOU CALL YOUR
AUTOGYRO,
STUPID!--GOES
UPAN' DOWN...

...PLUS FRONTWAYS
LIKE REGULAR
PLANES!

WHATEVER
IT IS, IT'S
GOTTA MEAN
TROUBLE!

SO WE FEED
IT SOME LEAD
AN'-POOF!--
NO MORE
WORRIES!

DROP
THE
GUNS!

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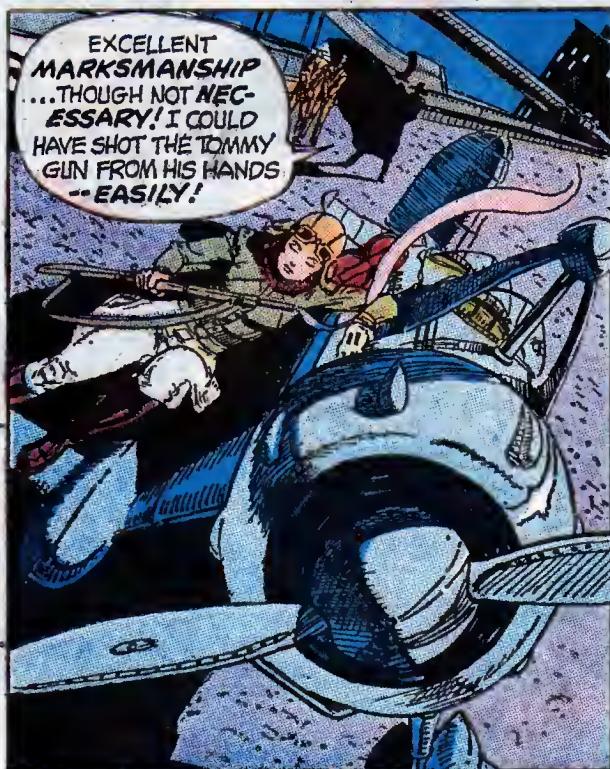


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		score!

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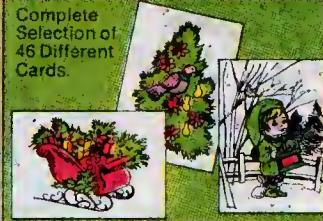
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Let's leave the smog-ridden streets of New York City for a change and travel to a pleasanter place, a small town in Illinois where a new chapter is being added to the story of the one and only *Superman*. Join with me then for a visit to *The Amazing World of Superman* in . . .

METROPOLIS, ILLINOIS

Even people who have never read an issue of *Superman*, or *Action Comics*, or any comics magazine know that Metropolis is the name of the city where the Man of Steel lives. The *Superman* legend has been immortalized in a television series, cartoon shows, movies, and magazines from *Time* to *Gentleman's Quarterly*. So when the quiet midwestern town of Metropolis, Illinois announced last year that it was adopting its most famous citizen as the trademark of a new recreation center, the only thing that surprised me was that they hadn't thought of it sooner!

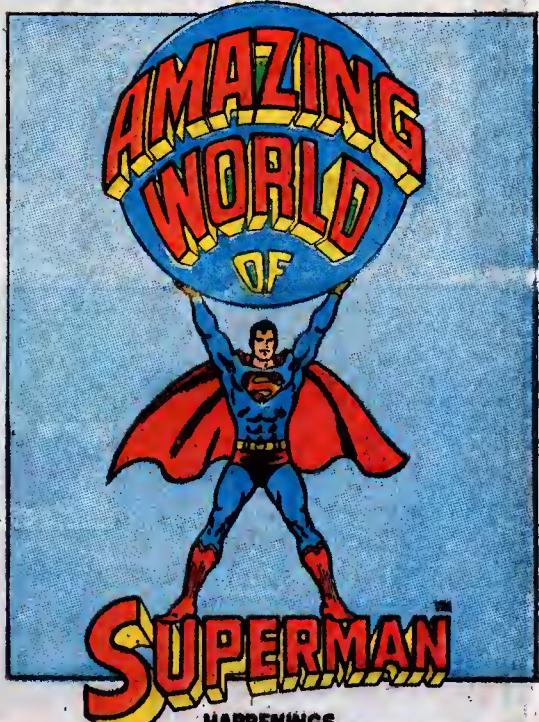
"The Amazing World Of Superman" is going to be a very special place when it's completed in a few years. Plans call for a *Superman Museum*, an amusement park (does anyone out there remember a story entitled, "Superman In Superman Land" from the nineteen-fifties? Dreams sometimes come true!), and a fantasy world all wrapped into one. On Memorial Day this year it all began with the opening of the new *Superman Exhibition Center*, the cornerstone of the entire operation.

As you walk though the center, you'll pass a gigantic 25 foot long mural of *Superman*, the largest in the world. After you've been greeted by that awesome sight, you can tour the various exhibits and learn how a *Comic Magazine* is Created (from the original editorial conference in the DC offices to the vast four-color printing plant in Sparta, Illinois), view over a million dollars worth of original comic art—from the days of the Golden Age to today's blockbuster issues, visit the world's largest collection of *Superman* memorabilia, compete in the *Junior Superman Olympics* (a special event just for you junior athletes!), join the brand-new *Supermen of Metropolis Club*, watch a *Superman* movie, see the model of *Superman's* home and meet the Man of Steel himself! It's a terrific time for the whole family for only \$1.75 per adult and \$1.25 per child, so be sure to make plans to visit there this summer. You can make the price even lower by bringing a cover of any new comic with *Superman* on it! That'll lower the price 25¢ any time . . . even weekends and holidays!

To celebrate the opening of the Center the people of Metropolis have produced a very special magazine entitled "The Amazing World of Superman—Metropolis Edition" for their visitors. It is only available at the center or by mail from them. Its 64 oversized pages are packed with fun and excitement—the origin of *Superman* (a new version by Swan and Anderson, not the one that was reprinted in *Secret Origins* #1), a poster map of Krypton, news-

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There's going to be a lot happening in Metropolis, so watch this column for more details. Meanwhile, let's go back to the city of New York and the DC offices for a survey of the latest . . .



HAPPENINGS

The Manhunter is coming in *Detective Comics* this summer, just as I promised in *Behind The Scenes* #3, and editor/ writer Archie Goodwin has picked an artist for the strip at long last. The lucky gent is one Walt Simonson, a new artist whose work is also going to be appearing in *Sword of Sorcery*.

To top it all off, the ghostly guardian is returning to the pages of *Adventure Comics*. No, not *Deadman* . . .

The Spectre! Editor Joe Orlando enjoyed re-reading his origin so much in *Secret Origins* #5 that he's launching a *Spectre* series in *Adventure* #431. *Black Orchid* fans shouldn't go into mourning though, as her series will continue to appear in every issue.



Behind The Scenes #1 wasn't on the stands for a week before the letters started to pour in. I promise to answer all the questions that I can next time, and meanwhile I expect to see you all at the New York Comic Art Convention this upcoming July Fourth! Till then, keep reading!

INDEED IT IS...TWO ARMORED CARS AND FORTY TRAINED INFANTRYMEN TREK ONWARD, UNAWARE OF HOW NARROWLY THEY HAVE JUST MISSED BEING BLOWN TO THE BEYOND...



..UNAWARE, TOO, OF THE AIRCRAFT BEARING THEIR SAVIOR, HOVERING ABOVE THE WINE-DARK WATER...

THE REAL CULPRITS ARE STILL AT LARGE, MARGO! WE CAN NOT PERMIT THEM TO ROAM FREE...

...PERHAPS TO SCHEME FURTHER!

UNLESS I'VE MISCALCULATED BADLY, THEY SHOULD BE PASSING UNDER US AT THIS VERY MOMENT!



WHERE?
THERE'S NOTHING
ON THE RIVER!

NOT
ON THE
RIVER--
MARGO--
I SAID
UNDER
IT!

BURBANK
SPOKE TO OUR
ASSOCIATE IN
THE NAVY
AND LEARNED
THAT BLUE-
PRINTS FOR
A SUBMARINE
WERE STOLEN
SIX MONTHS
AGO!

RECALL THE PUZZLE, MARGO!
A SUBMARINE...A SEA-CAPTAIN...THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE--

OUR CRIMINAL MASTERMIND'S PLAN WAS SUPERB!
HE WOULD BLOW THE CONVOY INTO THE WATER, AND FROM HIS SUB, COLLECT THE LOOT AT HIS LEISURE!



THERE'S THE
THING I'VE BEEN
SCANNING FOR,
MARGO, IN THE
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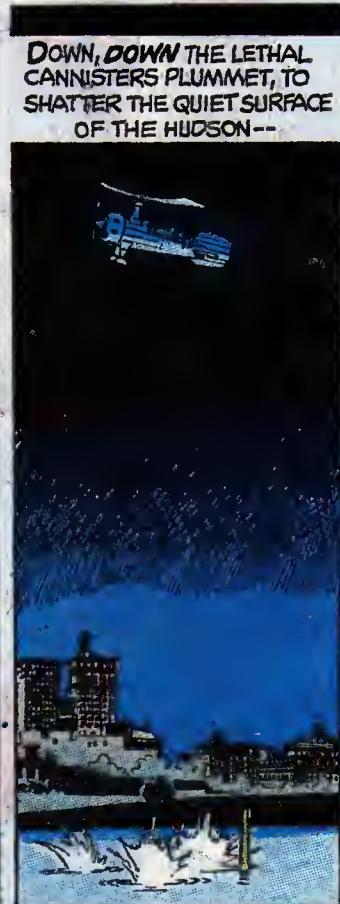
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A DEVICE SUBMA-
RINE CREWS USE FOR
LOCATING THEIR
VICTIMS!



...EXCEPT...
THIS TIME THEY'LL
BE THE VICTIMS!
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STEADY--



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CANNISTERS PLUMMET, TO
SHATTER THE QUIET SURFACE
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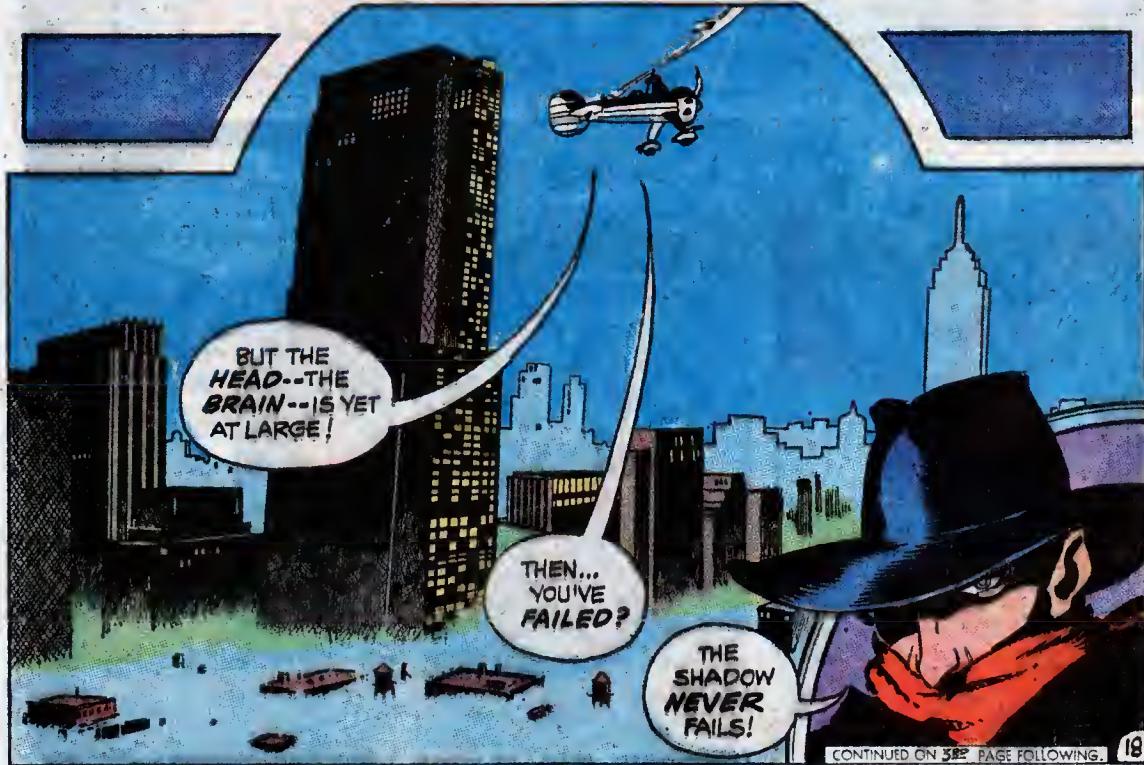


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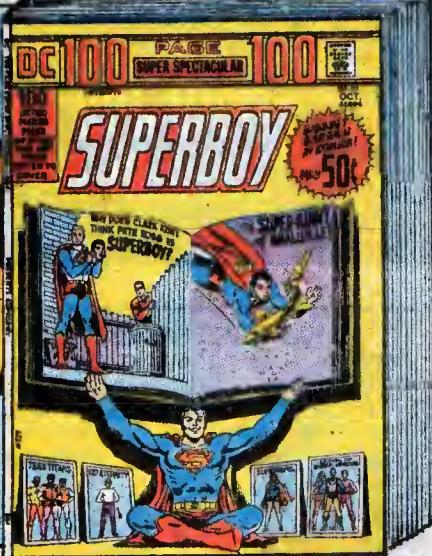


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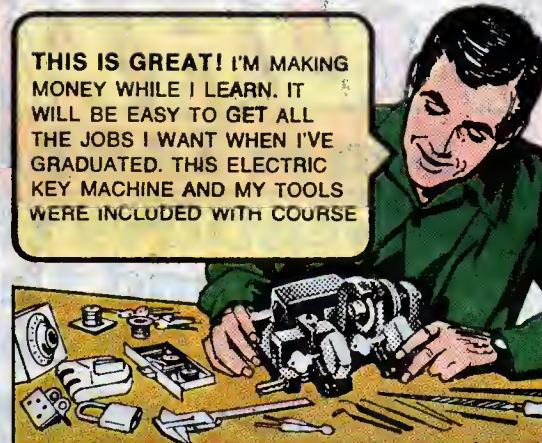
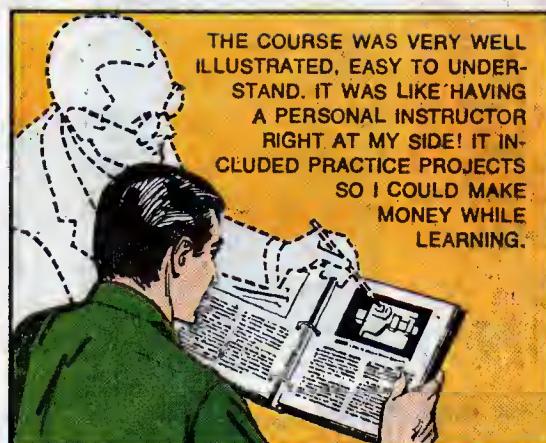
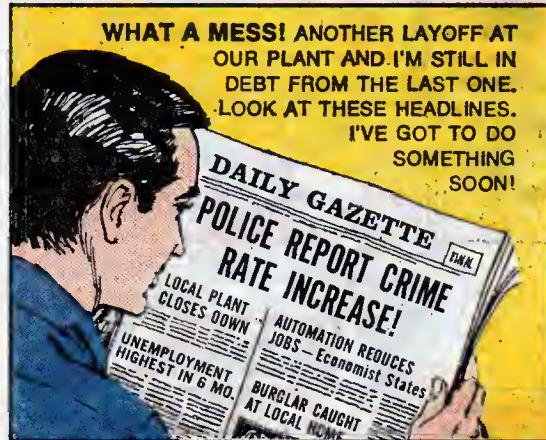
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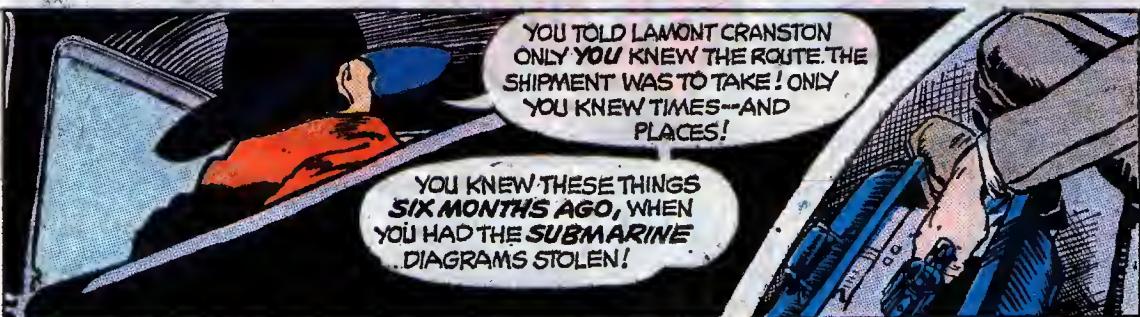
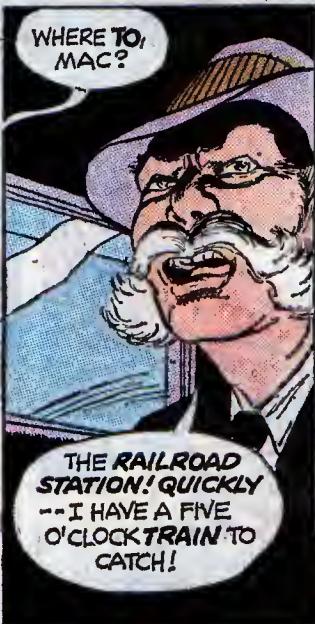
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I WON'T SUFFER
THE HUMILIATION
OF A TRIAL...I'LL
KILL FIRST!

THE WEED OF CRIME
BEARS BITTER FRUIT--

--CRIME DOES
NOT PAY--

AAGH!

BLAM

--THE
SHADOW
KNOWS!

AND...THE SHADOW NEVER
FAILS!

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The Shadow Knows

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The editor stepped from the overhang of the building at 909 Third Avenue into the Spring rain. It was rush hour; milling pedestrians hurried toward shelter and cars and trucks honked noisily, like impatient geese. Pulling his pea-coat collar up around his thin cheeks, the editor scanned the street, looking for a cab.

"Taxi, sir?" The voice came from behind him. He turned and saw a wiry man in a billed cap and worn jacket standing by the open door of an automobile that must have been at least 35 years old. Well, why not? he thought. Anything to get out of this wet. Shrugging, he slid across the cracked, but expensive, leather seat and pulled closed the door.

He leaned forward and gave a lower east side address to the driver.

"Naw, youse won't be goin' there, not yet, anyways," replied the driver in a juicy Brooklyn accent as he guided his car into the traffic stream.

The editor started to protest. Before he could speak, however, a glass partition rose swiftly between the passenger- and driver's-compartments, and he heard a faint hissing. For a moment, he thought he smelled burnt violets. Then he was enveloped in sleep the color of night . . .

When he awoke—it could have been minutes or years later—he seemed to be floating in a field of pure blue. He shook his head groggily, and blinked. The room, if room it was, glowed with a pastel light that appeared to have no source. He could see neither floors, nor walls, nor ceiling. He was surrounded by a bluish haze extending, apparently, to infinity.

Suddenly, he heard a laugh, a deep, mirthless sound which reminded him of ice tinkling in a tomb. Involuntarily, he shivered.

"You are conscious, Editor O'Neil!" The words, cold as the laugh, came from everywhere—and nowhere!

"W-who are you?" the editor demanded.

"Men call me The Shadow."

"Why can't I see you?"

"Would you really care to?"

"I . . . I suppose not," stammered the editor, unable to conceal his fright. Summoning his courage, he continued, "I've heard of you. The Batman says you were one of his foremost inspirations. But I thought you were dead."

Again, the marrow-chilling laugh rang; no further reply was necessary.

"What do you want from me?" the editor

asked frantically.

"You control several illustrated magazines known as comic books, do you not?"

"I edit them."

"I wish you to use these to relate certain of my exploits as a dedicated foe of the underworld. Since the demise of my own publication, there is no suitable medium left—except for your comic books."

"Why now, after all these years?"

"I read in the newspapers, and hear over the radio receiver, shocking news. Crime waves threaten to engulf civilization. Corruption rules the statehouses and the slum-gutters alike. Morals are disintegrating. Violence is the norm. Decency is passe, honesty an anachronism, honor a joke. These things must not be! I hope knowledge of my past activities will serve as an example—and as a deterrent."

"And if they don't?"

"In such an event, I shall be forced to come out of retirement and renew my crusade against evil. Let your pages serve a warning to wrongdoers: The weed of crime bears bitter fruit! Crime does not pay—The Shadow knows!"

"You realize the project will probably fail?"
"The Shadow never fails!"

"Oh."

Another hiss and a flowery odor—this time resembling the smell of crushed peonies—ended the interview. The editor's head dropped and nothingness claimed him. . .

He came to sitting at his desk in his office, his fingers resting on his typewriter keys. Beside the machine lay a manuscript titled "The Doom Puzzle." Quickly, he read it. He emitted a low whistle.

"He's real," the editor told the empty room.
"I wasn't dreaming."

Dazed and astonished, he began to type:
"The editor stepped from the overhang . . ."

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The Code Solution (See Page 4)

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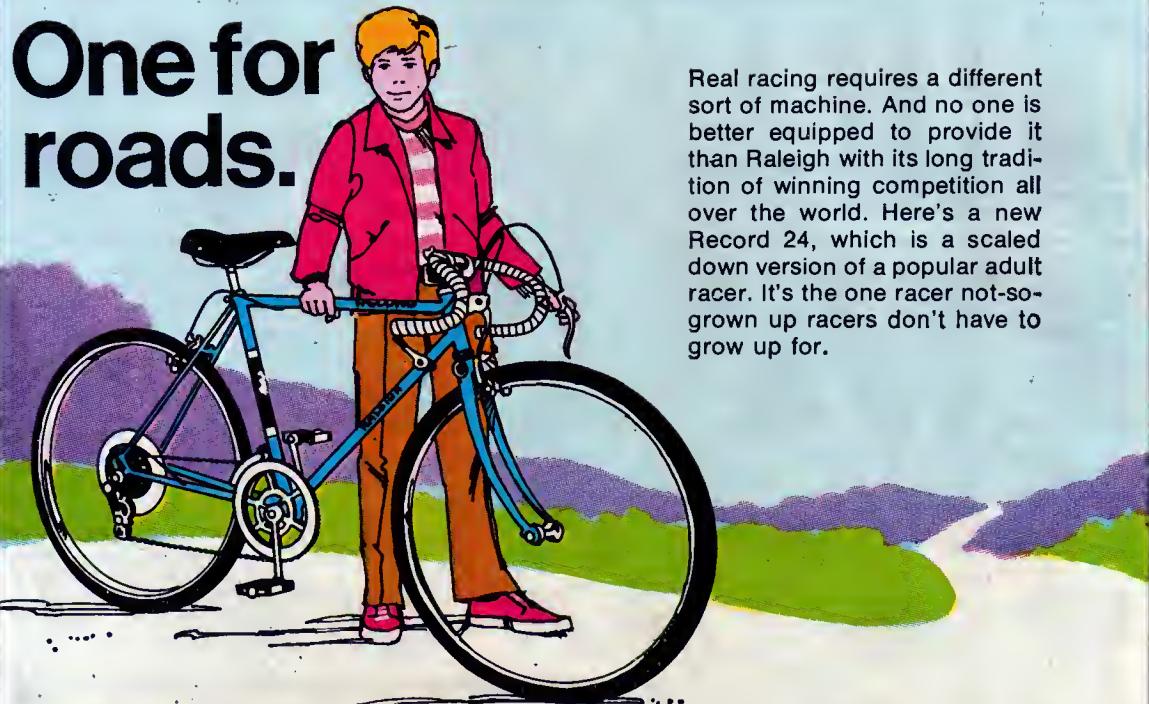
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